

Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time - July 10, 2011

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Life-giving Word

We cannot live without water. Rain has a job to do. It comes from the heavens and waters the earth. The earth then brings forth seed for crops and enables the baking of bread and the preparation of essential foods. Water returns to the sky, the prophet Isaiah says, but only after it has done its job.

We cannot live without the word of God. It has a job to do as well. It comes from the heavens to bring its fruitfulness to the earth. It announces God's love, provides direction for the wayward, and gives hope to those who despair. God's word returns to heaven, but not before it has done its job.

Sometimes we squander these gifts. Household plants may be inches away from water, but they will not grow unless we give them a drink. We may be inches away from God's word. It comes to us in the Scriptures, in the order of nature, in the counsel of friends, and in the community of believers. But we cannot grow unless we lift the cup and take a drink.

Where does God's word speak around you? What occasions do you have to listen? God's word has a job to do. Put it to work.

Readings For Next Sunday July 16 & 17

1st Reading...Wis 12:13, 16-19
2nd Reading...Rom. 8:26-27
Gospel...Mt. 13:24-33

ALTAR SERVERS (Week of July 11)

Monday	Noon	Jim Gates
Tuesday	Noon	To Be Contacted
Wednesday	Noon	Bud Koshewa
Thursday	Noon	Steve Sternberg
Friday	Noon	To Be Contacted
Saturday	4:00pm	+M. Raque, B. Durbin, E. Azzara, S. Meyer
Sunday	8:30am	+C. Crum, H. Korfhage, A. Hood, M. Defler
	10:30am	+E. Boyce, El. Boyce, R. Gates, K. Gates

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MASS INTENTIONS (Week of July 11)

Monday	Noon	Patrick Hoeck
Tuesday	Noon	Ron Seitz
Wednesday	Noon	Frances Dodson
Thursday	Noon	Isabel C. & Michael Clark
Friday	Noon	Albert Suehrstedt
Saturday	4:00pm	St. Raphael Community
Sunday	8:30am	John Spalding Mattingly
	10:30am	Dec. Mem. of Jack Raque Family

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS (July, 2011)

4:00pm...David Worland (cpt), Joe O'Toole, Ray Krebs, Pat Brown, **Need 2**
8:30am...Mike Heeb (cpt), Linda Melton, Judy Bland, Jan & Patrick Heeb, Barbara Peters
10:30am...Steve Haag, Jr. (cpt), Terry Haag, Steve Haag, Sr., Tim Haag, Mike Henry, Ken Kaelin

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (July 16 & 17)

4:00pm...**Team A**...George Gates, Mike Armes, Lee Lutes, Joan Raap, Marty Purcell, Cindy Fogle, Angelo Rappa
8:30am...**Team A**...Dolores Lally, Bud Lally, Joan Cissell, Tom Evans, Pet Markwell, Mary Lou Craven
10:30am...**Team E**...Scott Raque, Maria Raque, Steve Sternberg, Don Hinkebein, Carol Miller, Patrick McCormick, Mike Henry

LECTORS (July 16 & 17)

4:00pm...Debbie Chandler & Kimberly Cleary
8:30am...Marty Carraro & John Tichenor
10:30am...Kitty McKune & Dan McFarland

GIFT BEARERS (July 16 & 17)

4:00pm...Jimmy & Paula Fowler
8:30am...Kiesler Family
10:30am...Sara & Sean Everette

Stewardship Reflection

Tithing for July 3...\$18,173

Stewardship is what we do with our lives after we say, "I believe." The word of God is only fulfilled when we act on it. Does our faith bear fruit in our gifts of time, talent, and treasure?

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Youth Mission Trip: Six of our youth returned home from doing mission work in the city of Philadelphia on Friday, June 17, 2011. Youth spent a week packaging food for the homeless, working with kids in schools, and doing landscaping for the city. The six youth that attended were: Jaclyn Ochsner, Maggie Lane, Megan Dayne, Carly Barret, Liz Carl and Leah Chandler. The adult chaperones were: Sr. Sara Yungwirth and Cheryl Carl. Great job youth and adults!

National Catholic Youth Conference: National Catholic Youth Conference will be held **November 17-19, 2011** in Indianapolis, IN. The conference is open to students currently in grades 8-11. The parish still has a few spots available for youth interested in attending. Please contact Nick Cummins at 458-2500 ext. 141 for more information.

For more info on the above-mentioned event, please contact: Nick Cummins, Coordinator of Youth Ministry, at 458-2500 or nkcummins@bellsouth.net



Vacation Bible School
July 25-29
9:00am—11:45am

Adult and Youth volunteers are still needed for VBS. You can go to the church website for volunteer forms or they will be in the back of church after the 10:30am Mass this weekend.

Dear St. Raphael Habitat Volunteers,

Thanks for all your help in making our new home. It's been a blessing getting to know all of you. Thanks for lending us a helping hand!
Dontay & Maya

Thank you to each and every one of you. Your enthusiasm and generosity are inspiring.
Susan Meyer
St. Raphael Habitat Coordinator

Annual St. Joseph's Orphans' Picnic will take place on Saturday, August 13 from noon until midnight. If you have any questions about the event or volunteer opportunities, please contact Debra Thompson at 893-0241, ext 272.

It's been brought to our attention that parish members have passed away and have been buried from another parish. If a member of St. Raphael Parish dies and the funeral is held somewhere other than St. Raphael, a family member or a close friend is asked to please contact the Parish Office. We are not always made aware of these situations and this enables us to keep our records updated and stop mail.

Please patronize the sponsors of our bulletin. Their support makes this bulletin possible. This week's bulletin sponsor is **Physical Therapy Plus.**

Honor Thy Children Safe Environment Training Program

The Archdiocese of Louisville is committed to ensuring that children and youth who worship, study or participate in church-sponsored activities can do so in the safest and most secure setting possible. In an effort to fulfill this commitment, all employees or volunteers who have regular contact with children or youth are required to participate in one of the Safe Environment Training Workshops. For more information go to www.archlou.org. Please contact your parish organization or committee chair for details on providing proper documentation before volunteering to work with children or youth.

2011 SCHEDULE of WORKSHOPS

Date	Time	Location	
8/12	2:15pm	Assumption High School	Theatre
8/29	6:30pm	St. Michael	Griner Center
9/12	6:30pm	St. Thomas More	Cafeteria
9/19	6:30pm	Holy Trinity	Caferia

Summer Hours for the Parish Office

Monday-Thursday 8:30am-4:00pm
Friday 8:30am-1:00pm

The St. Raphael Report will return in the Fall

July Market Day: Orders are due, Friday, July 15th. Pick-up is Wednesday, July 20th @ 6:30-7:30 in the school cafeteria. Order at www.marketday.com or call Jennifer Neal @ 452-9805. Thank you for your support of Market Day & St. Raphael School.

The 9th Annual "Senior Day" presented by Catholic Charities Senior Services, will be held Wednesday, August 3 at St. Barnabas. Speakers are Deacon Lucio Caruso and Ken Schulz. Doors open at 9am, program is from 9:30-12pm, followed by lunch. To register, send your name, phone number and check payable to Catholic Charities for \$8 by July 29 to: Senior Service
2235 West Market St.
Lou, Ky 40212

For more information call Jackie Gahlinger at 873-2566, ext 107.

Please offer your prayers for our sick family & friends in the St. Raphael Parish community:

Mary Lee Anderson, Dorothy Baker, Sue Anna Barrett, Helen Bethards, Charles Bauer, Debbie Best, Cynthia Burkhead, James Caudill, David Charmoli, Robert Coury, Martha Creed, Connor Day, Sara Fante, Daniel Flynn, Catherine Fogarty, Allison Frye, George Gates, Frances Gibson, Jay Gibson, Jeanne Gravatte, Sue Harris, Anita Hertelendy, Dolores Heuser, Jennifer Hood, Scott Jacob, Rosemary Johnson, Jaunita Jonczy, Karl Kalbfleisch, Damion Kline, Henry Krebs, David Lawalin, Maureen Lawless, A.C. Leonhardt, Tina Lomax, Charles Lucas, Cathy Marcum, Andrew McKinley, Tom Meyer, Juanita Moore, Malinda O'Daniel, Nell Oldiges, John J. Orthober, Ron Parrino, Connie Peters, Dr. Richard Phelps, Tina Ray, Jean Reinstedler, Griffin Rose, Jim Schneider, Elfriede Smith, Mary Anne Storch, Dorothy Thomas, Anna Maria Verwest, Jane Wagner, Carol Walls, Joe Welch, Sarah Westersfield, Dorothy Wimsatt

(In an effort to keep the prayer list up-to-date, please notify the Parish Office of any additions or deletions.)